


Applicants' representative appreciate the opportunity afforded by the Examiner on August 26, 2002 to discuss the patentability of the present invention over the cited prior art references.

Claims 15-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,029,161 (Lang et al.). To expedite the prosecution of this application, claims 15-21 have been canceled and rewritten as new claims 22-32. New claims 22-32 are computer readable medium claims reciting instructions for performing those functions which are set forth in the steps of allowed method claims 1-9 and 11-13.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims 1-13 and 22-32 in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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